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Bulletins of the Institute

A Digital Research Tool

A news item that appeared on this website under the date January 6, 2009, highlighted the hundredth anniversary of the first issue of the "Bulletin de l'Institut." The item provoked questions about this literary element contained in Marist Brothers patrimony and about the patrimony in general.

The "Bulletin" (to call the publication by its common designation) is a historical resource, an archival treasure with a highly varied content. In it are to be found in chronological fashion the various pathways followed by the Marist Brothers' institutional history from 1909 to 1984. Thus the Bulletin constitutes an archive of seventy-five years of Marist Brothers' life and experience. Besides the historical information that the Bulletin contains, one may find in its pages no small quantity of material dealing especially with pedagogy and spirituality, both topics as seen from the Marist Brothers' point of view (www.champagnat.org/en/220501100.asp).

Now the Communications team has worked up in digital format (Word) the index to the contents of the Bulletin's thirty-one volumes which can be found in the libraries of many Marist Brother communities. While waiting for Brother Louis Richard to complete his work on transferring into digital form the text of the thirty-one volumes, we are placing the index at the disposition of our website visitors as a working tool. We do not doubt that the index will be of great value to researchers and for those who are curious about various details that can be found in this highly valuable source which the Bulletin is.



In the not distant future, we will be able to transform the indices into a data base that will assist in being able to carry out research on various topics that are found in the Bulletin.

In the meantime, the practical way in which to conduct research is to use Word's search function, "Find and replace." In order to conduct a multiple search upon the same subject, look for the option stating, "Highlight all items found in:". Using this option, you can find the word or phrase you are looking for, as appearing in the entire text upon which you are doing your research.

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Calendar: Brother Superior General and his Councilors

Travel, visits, meetings: February to June 2009

Meetings in Rome

- **February 9 – 14:** General Chapter Preparatory Commission
- **February 19 – 20:** Mission ad Gentes Advisory Council
- **February 24 – 28:** New Provincials (4)
- **April 27 – May 9:** Plenary session General Council
- **April 27 – May 1:** Commission writing the document on the vocation of the lay Marist
- **May 31 – June 5:** General Chapter Preparatory Commission
- **June 16 – 27:** Plenary session General Council
- **June 22 – 27:** International Commission on Marist Patrimony



Visits to be made by Brother Superior General

- **March 13 – 14:** Catholic Pontifical University of Curitiba (PUCPR)
- **March 4 – 6:** Horizons course at Los Negrales, Spain
- **March 22 – April 6:** Province of West Central Europe
- **June 11 – 14:** Mission ad Gentes, Davao

Visits to be made by the General Councilors

- **February 7 – 14:** Algeria (Emili Turú and Peter Rodney)
- **February 11 – 14:** Africa Provincials' Conference (Théoneste Kalisa)
- **February 17 – 20:** UMBRASIL (Antonio Ramalho)
- **March 8 – 9:** Assembly, Venezuela (Pedro Herreros)
- **March 13 – 15:** Horizons course at Los Negrales, Spain (Antonio Ramalho)
- **March 11 – 14:** Management of Marist Brothers Insti-

tutions (Emili Turú and Pedro Herreros)

- **March 15:** Guatemala meeting of North America Provincials (Pedro Herreros)
- **March 13 – 22:** Mission ad Gentes in Davao (Luis García Sobrado)
- **March 25:** Cuba (Antonio Ramalho)
- **March 27 – 29:** Conference of Provincials from Cono Sur (Pedro Herreros)
- **April 3 – 11:** Course, Madagascar (Théoneste Kalisa)
- **April 13 – 18:** Marist Apostolic Spirituality network, Los Teques (Antonio Ramalho)
- **April 16 – 19:** Provincial Councils of Europe, in Guardamar (Emili Turú and Peter Rodney)
- **May 12 – 17:** Education Congress, Peru (Emili Turú)
- **May 29 – 31:** "Umbrales" course, Los Negrales, Spain (Antonio Ramalho)
- **June 7 – 14:** The Americas Mission Team, meeting in Chile (Emili Turú)



Retreat of the Angola Sector - Evangelical use of goods

The question of the evangelical use of goods recently awakened the consciences of all Superior Generals in a profound way: "It became very clear to us that our refounding projects will be mere chimera if we do not consider the implications that exist concern-

ing the manner in which we acquire our goods, the way we manage our finances, the amount of goods we accumulate, the use of our patrimony and money, and the manner in which we share...." (The Economy and the Mission of the consecrated life today, #1, USG, May 2002)

From December 26-31, the Angola sector held its annual retreat. It took place in Kuito. Twelve Brothers from three communities of the sector participated: Luanda, Ndalatando and Kuito. The sector, facing up to the challenge given by the last two General Chapters, had as its theme the "Evangelical Use of Goods".

The Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family in Europe

European Council of the MCHFM

The Champagnat Movement in Europe is a lay Marist reality that is well established and growing. This is true even if in some places it is not deeply rooted. During the 1990's and even earlier, the first Fraternities got started, seeking to live out in a communal way the spirituality typical of the Marist Brothers, as a way of helping them actualize their Christian way of life. Today the Fraternities are rediscovering themselves as places where life experiences are shared, where missionary outreach takes place and where the Marist charism is recreated. At the present time, there are emerging many Fraternities made up of young married couples and their children, groups that are highly involved in nearby Marist Brothers' apostolates and working, in fact, not only with the Marist Brothers but with the local church as well. Their future is truly a sign and a promise for Marist life in Europe.



Today we would like to offer you some general data about the Champagnat Movement in Europe, as presented by the European Council of the MCHFM.

PROVINCES	Number of fraternities	Number of "official" fraternities	Number of members	Number of Brothers	Number of new groups in "process"
COMPOSTELA	3	2	40	5	2
C. W. EUROPA	6	4	46	9	2
IBÉRICA	9	9	90	8	2
L'HERMITAGE	16	16	193	13	0
Total	60	42	661	59	14

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Provincial assemblies of Champagnat Movement:

C. W. Europa:

1. Annual of delegates.
2. Annual, in Belgium, open to all the members of the fraternities.

Ibérica:

1. Annual of delegates from every fraternity.
2. Annual with all members of all fraternities.

L'Hermitage

1. Annual of delegates in France and another in Greece.
2. Some meetings in France of fraternities that are close to each other.

Mediterránea

1. Annual of delegates in every part of the Province.
2. Annual, open to all the members of the fraternities.

Provincial coordination:

1. It exists in three Provinces: Iberica, L'Hermitage and Mediterranea.
2. The coordinating team of a given Province is formed of some delegates of the Movement and the Marist Brother who is the coordinator for the Province.



Institute's new liaison with the UN Human Rights Council

General House

Dear Brothers and Members of the Marist Family, Please join me in welcoming Brother James Jolley, former Provincial of the Province of Melbourne, as the Institute's new liaison with the UN Human Rights Council and other international organizations in Geneva furthering efforts on behalf of poor children and young people. Jim brings many years of experience in education and leadership, as well as the spirit of our Marist life and mission to this relatively new work within our congregation. He will take up his responsibilities in the middle of 2009 after completing his present commitment at the Catholic Schools Office in Darwin, Australia.

Jim's life of ministry includes teaching and administration in a variety of settings. Prior to his current work in Catholic education on the regional level, he served as headmaster at the Marist School in Alice Springs, Australia, an institution that counts among its students the children of a number of aboriginal families. He is a skilled administrator whose capacity to foster a vision and set priorities, coupled with his ability to attend to the necessary details of any task, give rise to a creativity that is practical in nature and an effective response to the situation at hand.

In addition to his work in education, Jim served for two terms as Provincial of the Province of Melbourne. During that time he was active on the Board of the Marist Asia Pacific Center, especially during those years when the work of integrating post-novitiate formation in the Asia and Pacific regions was getting underway. His many contributions on the Board helped

foster a spirit of cooperation. He has a knack for being plain spoken and helping others to get to the heart of the matter.

Most especially, however, Jim's love of our way of life and his dedication to our Marist mission are two important gifts that he will bring to his new work in Geneva. Having lived our life for more than a few years now, he is a man of prayer and faith whose life is guided by the values of the gospel.

I am grateful personally to Jim for his willingness to take up these new responsibilities. Having just set out on a work in Darwin, he might just as easily have asked me to find someone else to address our efforts in Geneva. His willingness to put aside a ministry he clearly loves and to uproot and move, represents the spirit of mission that has always marked our Institute in its finest moments. At the same time I am grateful to Brother Julian Casey, Provincial of Melbourne, and to the brothers of that Province for their willingness to share Jim with the Institute at large.

As we welcome Jim, I also want to say a word of thanks to Brother Cesár Henriquez who has served as our Institute's first representative in Geneva. Being a pioneer is never easy and Cesár has approached the challenge with skill, energy and passion.

He has labored tirelessly over the past three years to shape this new office within our Institute and to give it life. He brought to the work not only the qualities mentioned a moment ago but also the type of critical eye that is so necessary in any new undertaking.

During the years of his mandate he worked with brothers and Marist laymen and women in various regions of the Institute to help them understand our reasons for being in Geneva and the good we could do for poor children and young people by our presence there. At the same time he was able to learn firsthand about the exploitation of many children that often goes unnoticed.

Cesár also left a work that he loved to respond to a request on my part that he take up responsibilities in Geneva. I have admired his efforts these past three years. He has been frank and straightforward in communicating, rooted clearly in Marist and gospel values as he sought for solutions, and passionate in implementing the program. Many thanks, Cesár.

A final word of thanks to Brother Dominick Pujia of the Bureau of Solidarity for his initial work in helping to establish the Geneva office and for his ongoing supervision of its efforts. His experience and commitment to the project have been gifts not only to Cesár but to us all.

Let us continue to pray for this new effort within our Institute and for those involved in it. At the same time, let us pray for all children and young people in difficult situations today and let us ask God for the grace of courage as we respond to their needs.

Blessings and affection,
 Brother Seán D. Sammon, FMS
 Superior General
 10th December 2008

